Museum at Harappan site of Dholavira

1517. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision is pending before Government for the establishment of a Museum at the Harappan site of Dholavira;

(b) if so, by when the decision is likely to be taken; and

(c) if not, the reasons for such a decision?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Establishment of a small Museum cum Interpretation centre at Dholavira site is in progress and the museum is likely to be opened for public viewing shortly.

Appointment of a committee on the celebration of 150 years of 1857 Rebellion

1518. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any committee has been appointed as part of celebrations in commemoration of 150 years of the 1857 Rebellion;

(b) if so, the composition of the said committee;

(c) whether there are any historians included in that committee;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has decided to commorate the 150th Anniversary of first War of Independence 1857. A National Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister to chalk out the programmes. A National Implementation Committee has also been constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development for Implementation of the programmes. The composition of these committees is at Statement I and II (*See* below).